

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIM

25. (Currently Amended) A method of improving personal hygiene through personally identifying a consumer of beverages in a container having a major exposed surface comprising:
- (a) disposing on said major surface an array of normally closed indicia-representing and identifying penetrable regions; and
 - (b) identifying said container with identity of said consumer by marking a selected one of said penetrable regions, and said indicia represents identity of said consumer.

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action of May 28, 2003, the rejection of the then-existing claim was re-asserted, the Action indicating that "the request for reconsideration was being considered but does not place the application in condition for allowance because, for example, the consumer requested a 'black coffee', then marking (20) indicates that the contents is a black coffee will be pressed, which is considered equivalent to 'correlation with identity of the user' as claimed. Also, the phrase 'identifying penetrable apertures' does not mean apertures because that phrase means the surface is normally closed but can be penetrable into apertures."

In view of the foregoing, Applicant has amended the claim as noted above to make it more certain that the container is marked to identify the particular person for whom it is intended, not the contents of the container. Thus, if there were three persons (persons A, B and C) and three cups of black coffee, each of the containers would be marked differently. The first to show identity with person A, another to show identity